



THE BUILDING BLOCK

TECHNOLOGY WINS by Laura Wall

There have been a lot of new and exciting things happening in the wide-world of DFCM Technology! We have had a change in support staff, we have moved to the new version of FME called Facility Focus, and the State Wide Facility Focus Implementation is up and running, just to name a few!

As most of you know, Lisa Bohman is now in Law School and Bruce Whittington has a new position, so that means that you will need to contact myself or Gordon Jensen for support for Facility Focus, Project Wise, and ISES. Gordon will act as my back up when I am out of the office or unavailable. I can be reached by email or phone, whichever you prefer.

Upgrading to Facility Focus was a very large task for DFCM and it has had a few teething problems along the way, but with the patience and help of everyone it has been a success.

Most of you know that there is a new way to access Facility

Focus. This new process allows us to make it accessible via the web. This enables us to make future upgrades simpler for everyone and save DFCM many labor hours.

The State Wide Facility Focus Implementation is a very exciting project! "What is State Wide Facility Focus" you ask...? Because of House Bill 3 agencies are required to have a way to track the work they do on their facilities and their equipment. DFCM had an opportunity to help the agencies meet this goal with FACILITY FOCUS. At this time ABC, Southern Utah University, Dixie, and Corrections are the agencies that are involved, and many more will be coming on board in the near future. This implementation has provided myself and DFCM with an opportunity to have more interaction with these agencies and help to build an even greater working relationship with them.

Here are some accomplishments and updates for other items that DFCM IT Support has been working on: We have new software that enables us to transfer large amounts of data directly into

Facility Focus. By using this program we have moved the Deed information from the old Leasing database into Facility Focus. The Leasing Reports are now up and running for outside agencies to review. The Accounting Equipment database has been moved into Facility Focus as well. Last but not least, we are a few steps closer to moving to an electronic time card.

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who has assisted us with these projects! If you have any suggestions on ways for me to improve my service to you, please let me know. I would love to hear from you.



*Article submitted by
Laura Wall*

Thanks Laura!

VBS TURNS 100!

DFCM's Value-Based Selection System (VBS) was introduced as an alternative to the traditional low-bid selection process. After significant debate, revision, and technical challenges, it's my pleasure to report to you that VBS is thriving, and has dramatically changed the way we do business. VBS is a strong example of how a government agency can make a positive difference.

By the end of September, we had advertised 100 projects under the VBS rules and procedures. One of my esteemed colleagues remarked that no selection system DFCM has experimented with has ever lasted as long as VBS. If my

workload is any indication, VBS is here to stay. Although the program was kicked off in the autumn of 2000, 61 of the VBS projects have been advertised this year alone.

VBS is becoming a keystone in our selection process. Projects have included everything from a \$70,000 paving project at the Mantua Fish Hatchery to a \$40 million design/build contract for new classroom buildings at four colleges and universities throughout Utah. Because VBS encompasses so much of DFCM's activity, it requires a significant amount of work from the project directors and program managers, clerical staff, contract coordinators, and administration. My full-time job is to marshal my co-workers and firms interested in

VBS projects in a process that is somewhat akin to herding cats. VBS is worth the effort, however, as it has allowed DFCM to seek out contractors that can promise quality, as well as a good price.

The feedback from contractors and client agencies suggests that VBS is a procurement method that better allows for the delivery of a sound, quality building at a good price. These are qualities we don't often hear from government agencies. DFCM employees should be proud for their role in bringing about positive changes in the public sector.

Article submitted by Frank Lilly
Thanks Frank!



DFCM SECOND ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE
Don't miss out on participating in the gift exchange. Everyone will receive a gift!

THE GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING
DFCM FOURTH QUARTER
DIVISION MEETING AND
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 11, 2002
11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM
State Fair Park
Zions Building

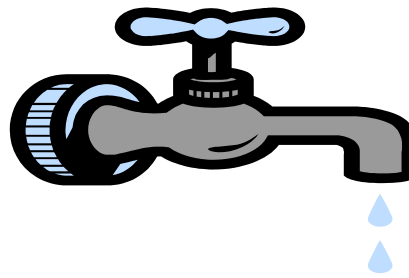
CATERED LUNCHEON
Cost is \$3.00
Sign up to attend by
November 27, 2002
See your clerical staff for
sign up sheets

SERVICE AWARDS
INCENTIVE AWARDS
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO RECOGNIZE YOUR CO-WORKERS!
Submit your Incentive Nominations to a Committee Member by November 20, 2002

Nick Radulovich, Shannon Lofgreen, Bob Anderson,
Nikki Wolcott, Frank Lilly, Debi Tripp, Kurt Baxter

GREAT FOOD
DOOR PRIZES
GIFTS



Did you know by letting the water run while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes you can waste 3 to 5 gallons a minute? That adds up to about 20,000 wasted gallons a year in your home. Follow these simple steps at home and you can easily save water.

- Repair leaking pipes and faucets
- Only run the dishwasher when its full
- Set the washing machine for the appropriate level
- Don't run the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your hands
- Store a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking so you won't have to let the faucet run to get cold water
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can

HOW MUCH WATER DO YOU USE?

	Non-Conserving Activities	Conserving Activities
Shower (5 minutes)	Regular showerhead uses 30 gallons.	Low-Flow showerhead/restrictor 15 gallons and Wet-down rinse 4 gallons.
Toilet Flushing	Conventional toilet uses 5 to 7 gallons per flush	Ultra-low flush toilet -1.6 gal.
Brushing Teeth	Tap running-10 gallons	Wet brush, rinse-one half gallon or less.
Shaving	Tap running- 20 gallons	Fill basin– one gallon
Washing Hands	Tap running-two gallons or more	Soap and rinse-one gallon or less
Dishwashing	Tap running–30 gallons	Wash and rinse in sink-5 gallons
Automatic Dishwasher	Full cycle-15 gallons	Short cycle–11 gallons
Washing Machine	Full cycle, top water level-40 gallons	New “tumble-action” efficient clothes washer– 25 gallons

For more information see: www.ci.slc.ut.us/utilities/conservation

Information submitted by Ricy Jones....Thanks Ricy!



Congratulations to Stacie Johnson for guessing the spotlight from last months newsletter. The guess who spotlight from September was Shannon Lofgreen.



GUESS WHO???

Hobbies: Anything that's FUN
 Hero: My Dad
 Favorite Colors: Red, White & Blue
 Favorite Song: Barbara Ann
 Favorite Movie: Hunt for Red October
 Favorite Team: Jazz
 Favorite Sports: College Football & NBA Basketball
 Least Favorite Food: Veggies
 Favorite TV Show: JAG
 Favorite Actor/Actress: Harrison Ford
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas
 Notable Achievement: 4 Sons and 28 years of marriage, also BSME and MBA degrees. And something with old phonebooks

— For Your Information

Division Updates

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations go out to **Bruce Whittington** on his promotion. Bruce is replacing Jack Quintana. We know you will do an excellent job and wish you well in your new position.

WELCOME :

DFCM would like to welcome **Mike Kay** to the Provo Regional Center. Mike has been hired as a General Maintenance worker. Welcome and good luck.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to **Levi Gomez** who will be joining the Redwood Road crew

on October 15th. Welcome!



Contributions from staff are always welcome!
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